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SUMMARY: MFA OFFICIAL IMPLIED GOP WILL ABSTAIN ON BOTH KOREAN RESOLUTIONS. GOP OPPOSED TO MEMBERSHIP CONSIDERATION BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITHOUT PRIOR SECURITY COUNCIL SANCTION AS SETTING POSSIBLE PRECEDENT FOR GA CONSIDERATION OF BANGLADESH ADMISSION TO UN. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF CALWDBION QADRUDDIN, MFA DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 15 IN ACCORDANCE REF A INSTRUCTIONS. EMBOFF RECALLED THAT EMBASSY HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED KOREAN ITEM WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL BHATTY (REF B) APPROXIMATELY A MONTH AGO. AT THAT TIME BHATTY HAD SAID GOP POSITION WAS STILL TENTATIVE BUT THAT INITIAL GOP ATTITUDE ON QUESTIONS OF CONCURRENT MEMBERSHIP AND UN COMMAND WAS THAT BOTH WERE MATTERS WITHIN PURVIEW OF SECURITY COUNCIL IN FIRST INSTANCE AND THAT GOP HAD ACCORDINGLY INSTRUCTED ITS DELEGATION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS
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TO DIVERT THESE ISSUES FROM GA INTO SC. EMBOFF REVIEWED

US POSITION ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS CONTAINED REF A AND INQUIRED WHETHER MFA HAD REACHED FIRMER POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION.

2. QADRUDDIN POINTED OUT THAT ARTICLE 4, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE CHARTER SPECIFICALLY CALLED FOR MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS TO BE "EFFECTED BY A DECISION OF THE GA UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SC". CHANGE IN THIS PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS AS PROPOSED IN US-SPONSORED RESOLUTION MIGHT SET PRECEDENT WHEREBY BANGLADESH MEMBERSHIP COULD COME UP FOR DISCUSSION IN UNGA, WHICH GOP HOPED TO AVOID. QADRUDDIN SAID GOP WAS THEREFORE OPPOSED TO MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS OF BOTH RESOLUTIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT GOP WAS LIKELY TO MAINTAIN THIS POSITION.

3. ON OPERATIVE PROVISIONS OF ALGERIAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION RELATING TO FOREIGN TROOPS, QADRUDDIN SAID GOP IN PAST HAD ABSTAINED WHEN TROOP QUESTION HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP. HE ADDED THAT USG COULD EXPECT GOP TO TAKE POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WOULD NOT RPT NOT "EMBARRASS" THE UNITED STATES. HE INDICATED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF IMPLICATIONS OF ABOLITION OF UNC WITHOUT ALTERNATIVE MACHINERY FOR KEEPING PEACE.

4. EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT WHILE US STILL HOPED PAKISTAN COULD SEE ITS WAY TO VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY FOR US-SPONSORED RESOLUTION AND TO OPPOSE ALGERIAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION, WE WOULD HOPE THAT AT A MINIMUM PAKISTAN WOULD ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS. QADRUDDIN SAID GOP WISHED KOREAN QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN RAISED, BUT AS IT HAD, HE BELIEVED PAK VOTING WILL PROVE SATISFACTORY TO US. HE SAID HE COULD NOT BE MORE SPECIFIC, BUT "YOU CAN PROBABLY UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN".

5. COMMENT: IMPLICATION LEFT BY QADRUDDIN WAS THAT PAKISTAN WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS ALTHOUGH AS INDICATED ABOVE HE DID NOT SPELL THIS OUT. WE SURMISE THAT GOP, BY LINKING KOREAN MEMBERSHIP QUESTION TO ITS OWN POSITION ON BANGLADESH ADMISSION TO UN, HAS DISCOVERED CONVENIENT RATIONALE TO USE WITH PRC AND

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DPRK IN JUSTIFYING ABSTENTION ON ALGERIAN-SPONSORED RESOLUTION. WE WILL KEEP OUR FINGERS CROSSED.
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